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Dear Home Help Individual Caregiver:

RE: COVID-19 Premium Pay Extended Through December 31, 2020

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sending you this letter to let you know the \$2.00 per hour COVID-19 premium pay has been extended through December 31, 2020.

On May 1, 2020, MDHHS issued Letter L 20-26, which stated, "Due to the COVID-19 emergency, all individual caregivers are earning an extra \$2.00 per hour in premium pay. This hourly rate increase is for dates of service from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. On July 1, 2020, the premium pay will end." On July 30, 2020, MDHHS issued Letter L 20-45, stating the COVID-19 premium pay was extended through September 30, 2020.

Please note that the COVID-19 premium pay has been extended through December 31, 2020. It will end on January 1, 2021.

Individual caregivers should continue to follow the guidance issued in March 2020 titled "Actions for Caregivers of Older Adults During COVID-19" along with the document "Actions for Caregivers for Older Adults Addendum Frequently Asked Questions". These documents describe recommendations for in-home direct care workers and methods to assure a face-to-face visit is needed. The documents can be found at: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus and go to "Resources", then "For Health Professionals".

If you have questions, contact Provider Support at 1-800-979-4662 or via email at providersupport@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Kate Massey, Director

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